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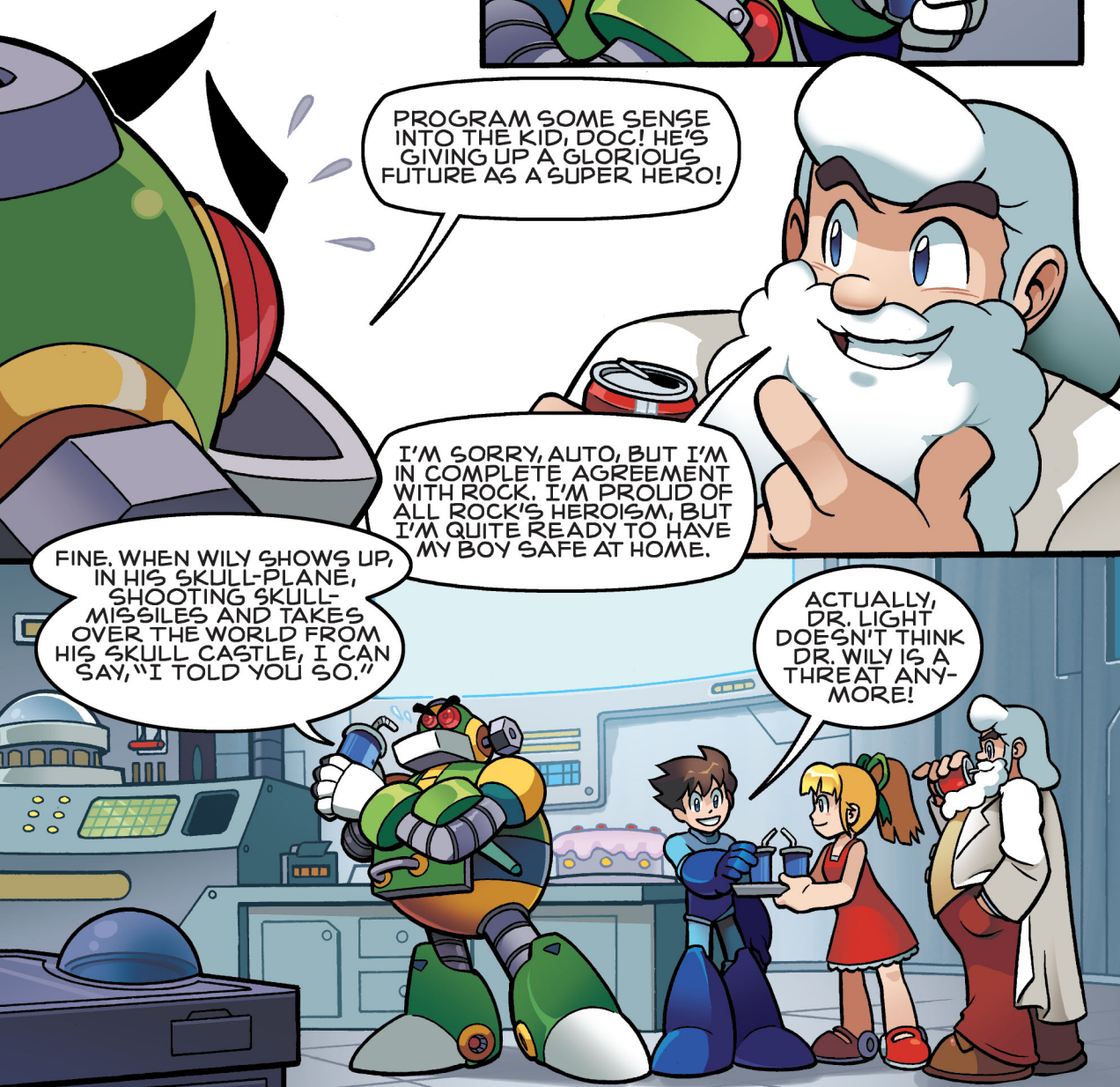
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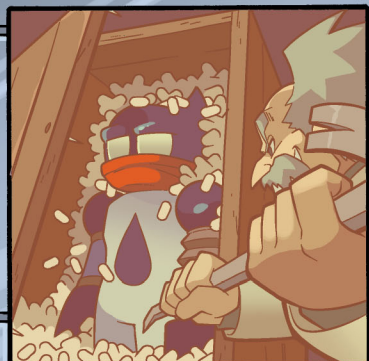
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TO NO ONE BUT HIMSELF, AT LEAST. ALL OF HIS VILLAINY CAME FROM THE ROBOT MASTERS HE HAD BUILT WITH MY HELP AND RESOURCES. WITHOUT THE BACKING OF LIGHT LABS, ALBERT WON'T HAVE ANY WAY OF THREATENING ANYONE!



AND IF HE DID COME OUT OF HIDING AND TRY SOMETHING, THE POLICE WOULD GET HIM!

EXACTLY. I'M SURE WE'VE SEEN THE LAST OF MY OLD...FRIEND.

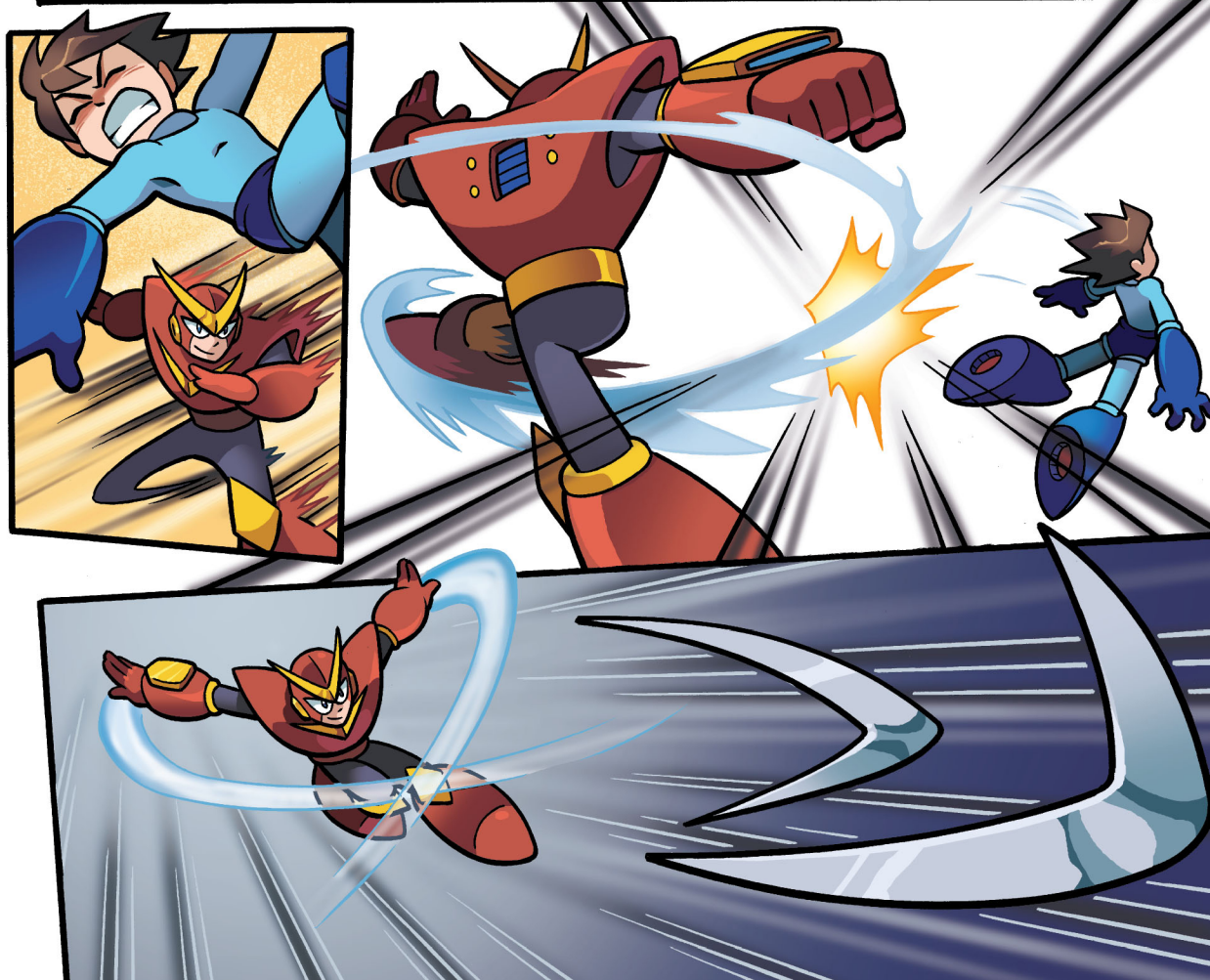
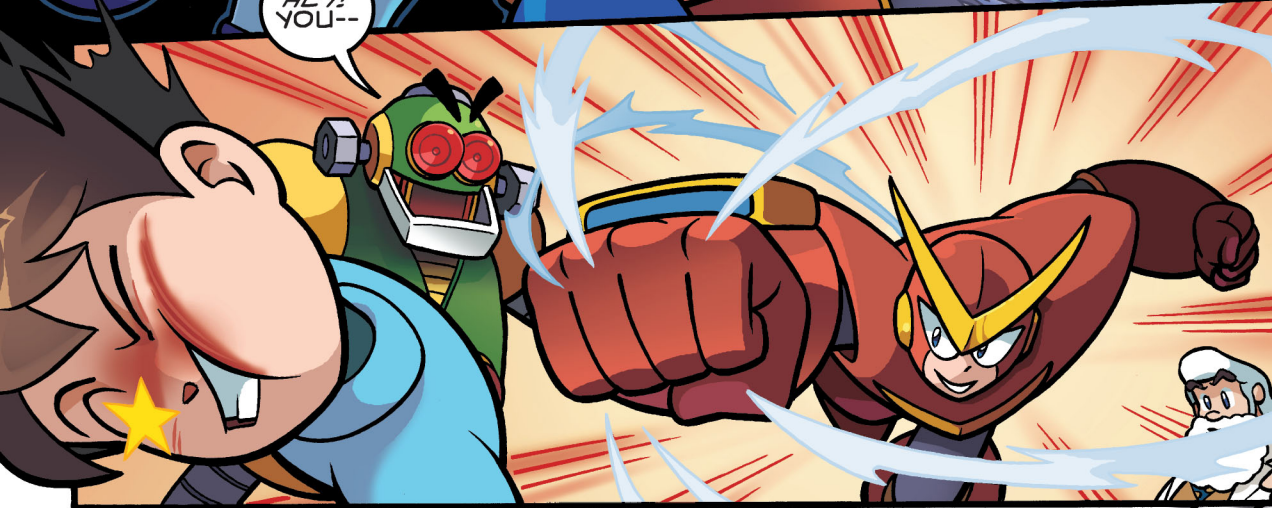
WELL...THEN WHAT ABOUT ME?! I *JUST* CAME BACK TO THE LAB! IF YOU'RE THE DOC'S ASSISTANT, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

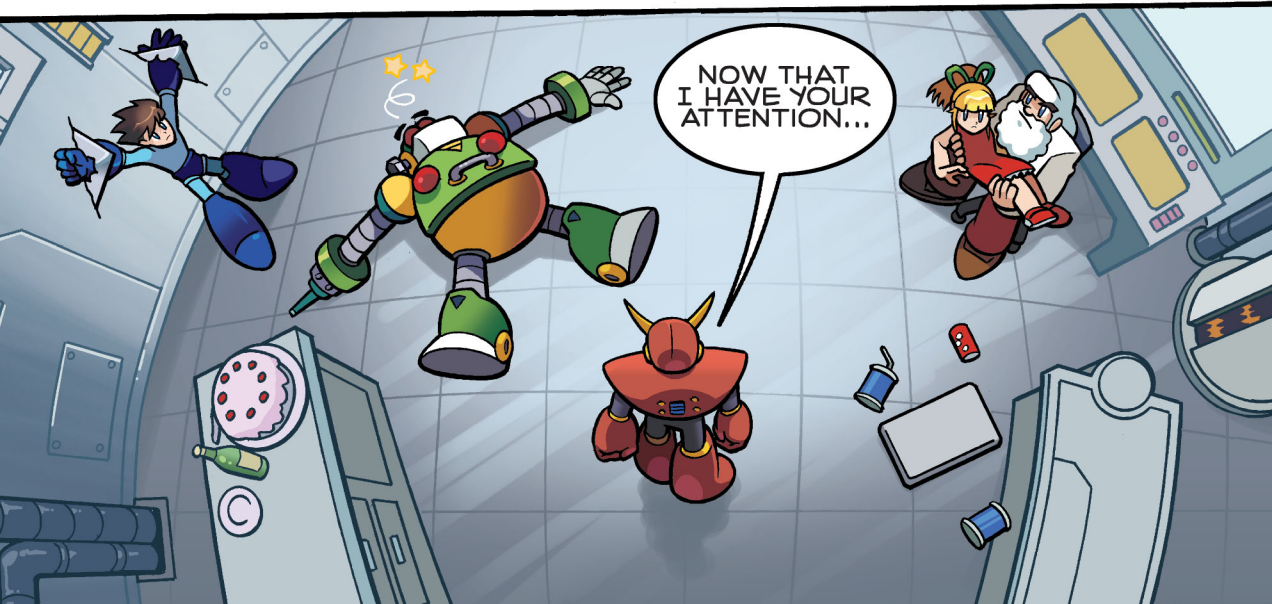
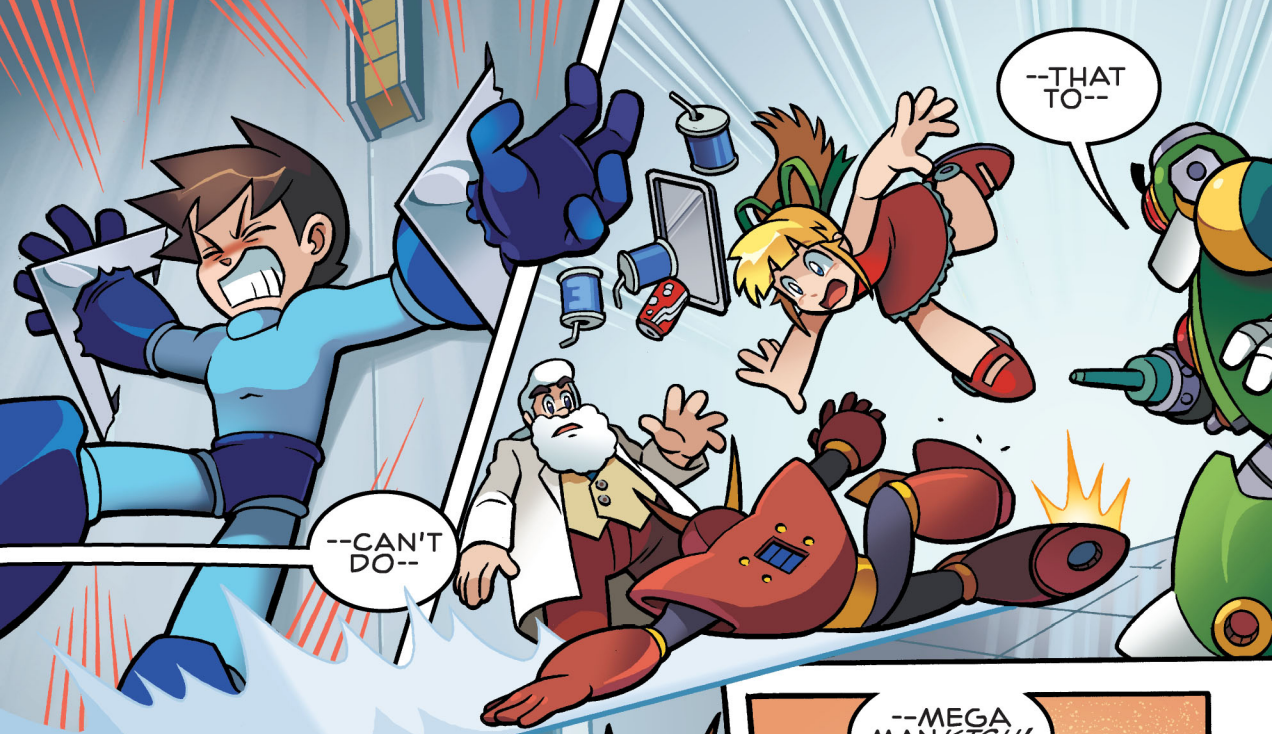
YOU ALWAYS HAVE YOUR SHOP, RIGHT? BESIDES, EVEN WHEN I'M BACK FULL TIME, YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE!


GIVE UP TRYING TO CONVINCE HIM, AUTO'S JUST BEING A FAN-BOT.

HAHA
HAHA
HA!


HAHAHA!
YEAH! WHAT A LAUGH!



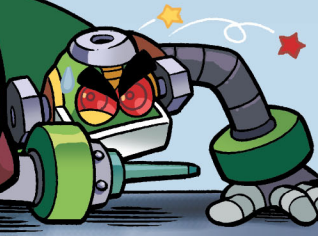


Mega Man is standing in his red and yellow armor, holding his chest with his right hand. He has a determined expression.

I'M HERE TO ANNOUNCE THAT MY CREATOR...DR. WILY...HAS RETURNED. YOU AND THIS CITY, TO SAY NOTHING OF THE *WORLD*, WILL PAY FOR HIS PAST EMBARRASMENTS.*

Proto Man is shown from the chest up, looking towards Mega Man with a serious expression. He has a blue visor and a red and blue suit.

MY SEVEN BROTHERS STAND READY TO TURN THIS CITY INTO RUBBLE IN SIX HOURS. UNLESS THE BWAWE WITTLE MEGA MAN CAN STOP US.

A small, green and white robot with a yellow visor and red eyes is on the ground, looking up. It has a small antenna and a single leg visible.

AND *JUST* MEGA MAN. CALL THE AUTHORITIES, TRY AN EVACUATION, AND WE START EARLY. I'LL GIVE YOU AN HOUR TO FIND ME IN TITANIUM PARK. THAT SHOULD BE PLENTY OF TIME, EVEN FOR *YOU*!!

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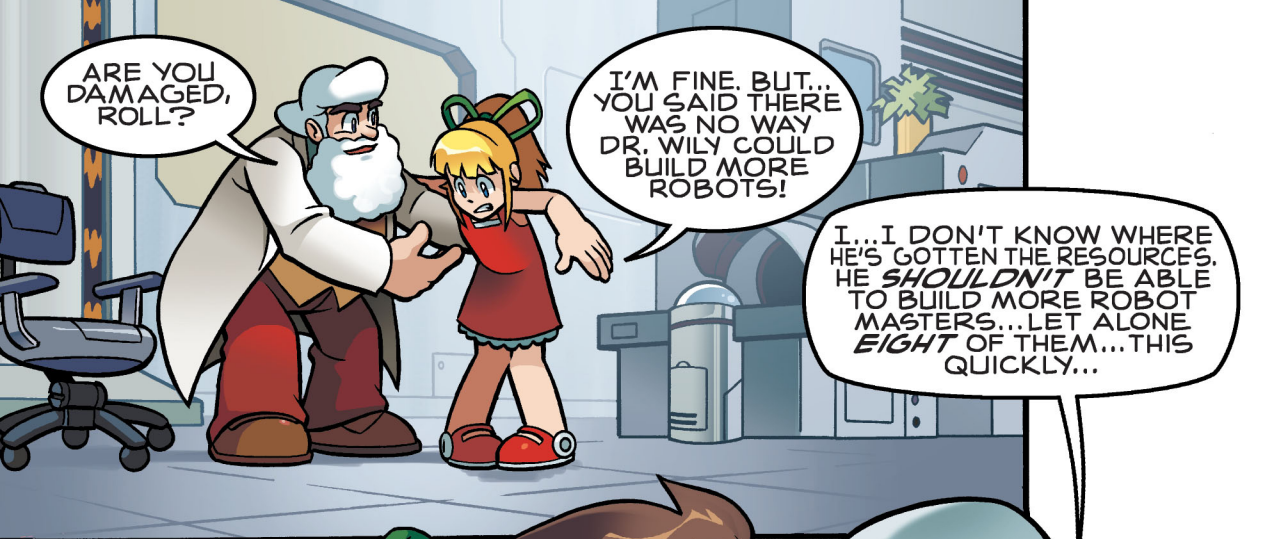
Zoom!

A character in a red and white suit is driving a car away from a building. The car is moving quickly, leaving a trail of motion lines.

RRRGH!
JUST A SECOND, ROCK! I'LL GET YOU DOWN!

Proto Man is looking at a robot with a green and yellow head. He has a determined expression.

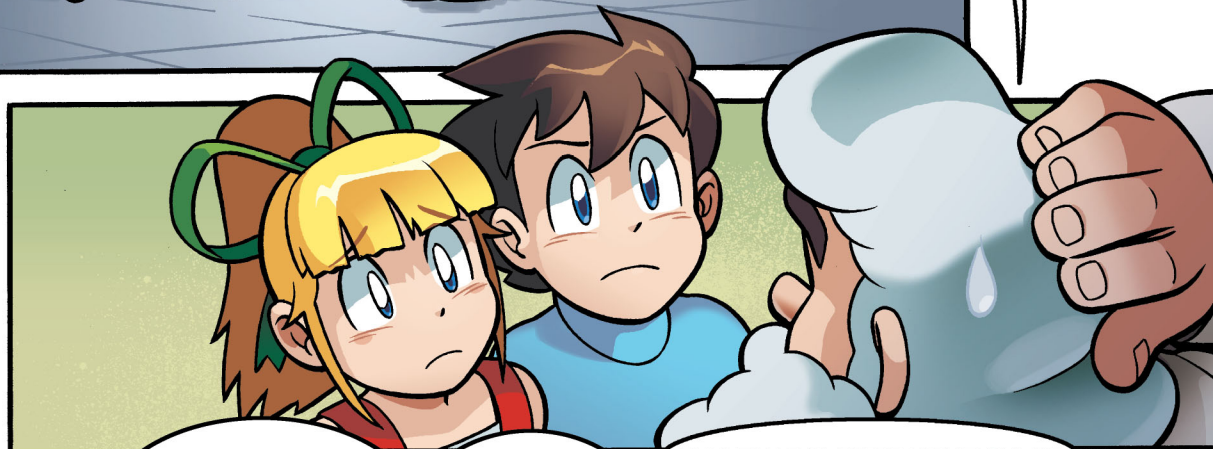
THANKS, AUTO.



ARE YOU DAMAGED, ROLL?

I'M FINE. BUT... YOU SAID THERE WAS NO WAY DR. WILY COULD BUILD MORE ROBOTS!

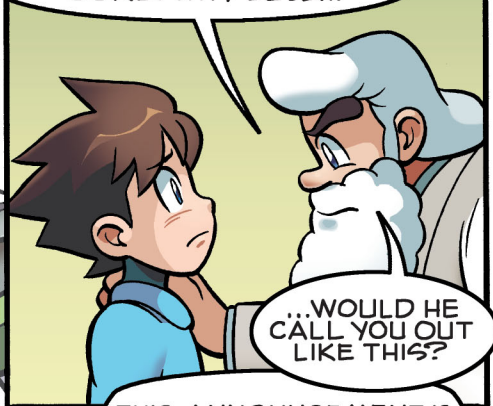
I...I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'S GOTTEN THE RESOURCES. HE *SHOULDN'T* BE ABLE TO BUILD MORE ROBOT MASTERS...LET ALONE *EIGHT* OF THEM...THIS QUICKLY...



I'VE BEATEN DR. WILY BEFORE, AND I'LL DO IT AGAIN. I WON'T LET HIM GET AWAY WITH HURTING MY FAMILY!

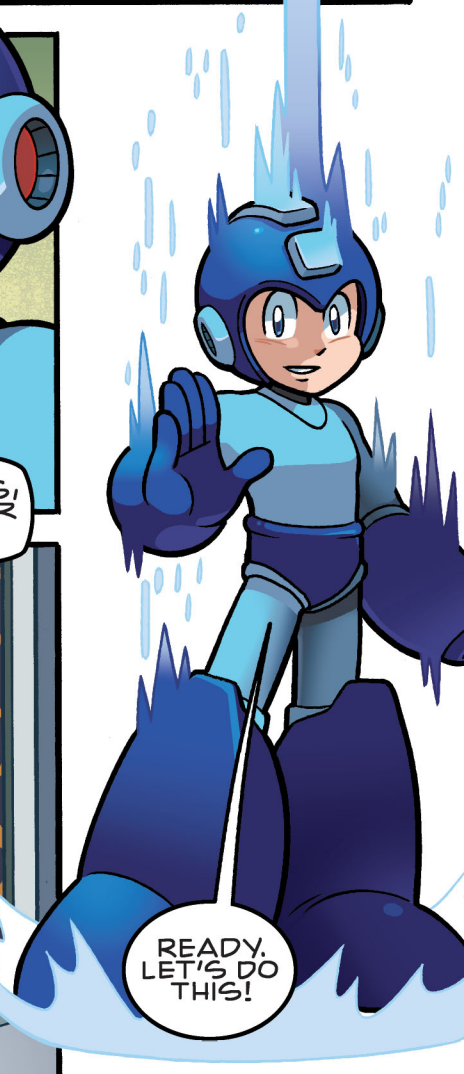
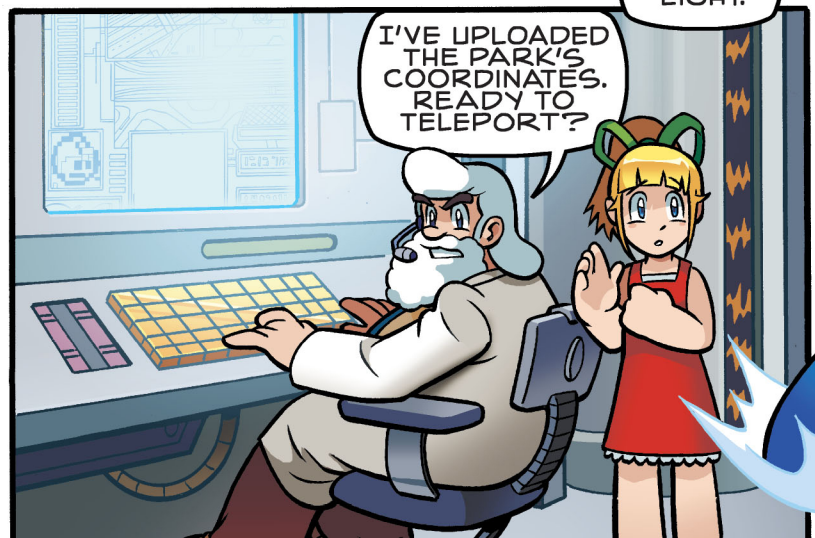
WOO! LOOKS LIKE MEGA MAN IS NEEDED TO KICK SOME BUTT AGAIN AFTER ALL!

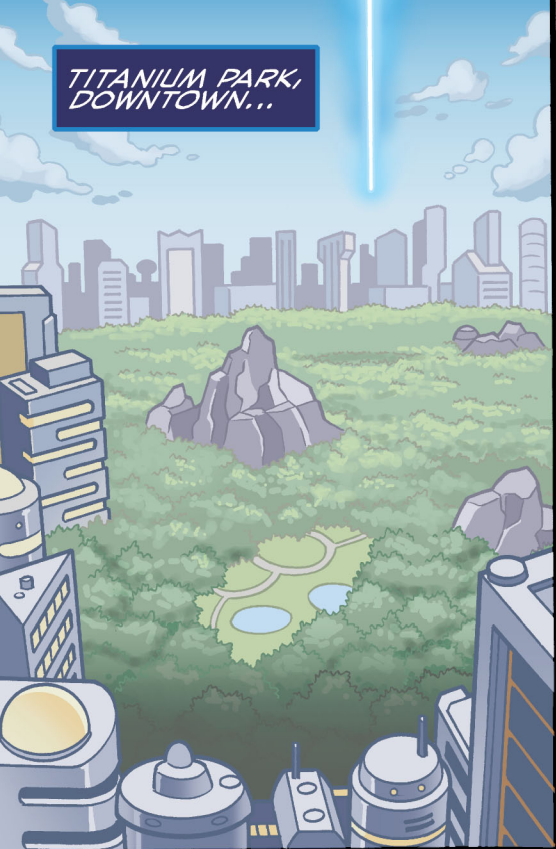
THIS TIME IS DIFFERENT, ROCK. THE ROBOT MASTERS HE STOLE LAST TIME WERE MEANT TO *WORK*, NOT FIGHT. I HAVE NO DOUBT THIS NEW LINE WILL BE DESIGNED WITH COMBAT--AND COMBATTING *YOU*--AT THEIR CORE. WHY ELSE...



...WOULD HE CALL YOU OUT LIKE THIS?

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS TOO BRAZEN, EVEN FOR HIM. IT'S TOO MUCH LIKE HOW HE BAITED YOU IN THAT TRAP...*





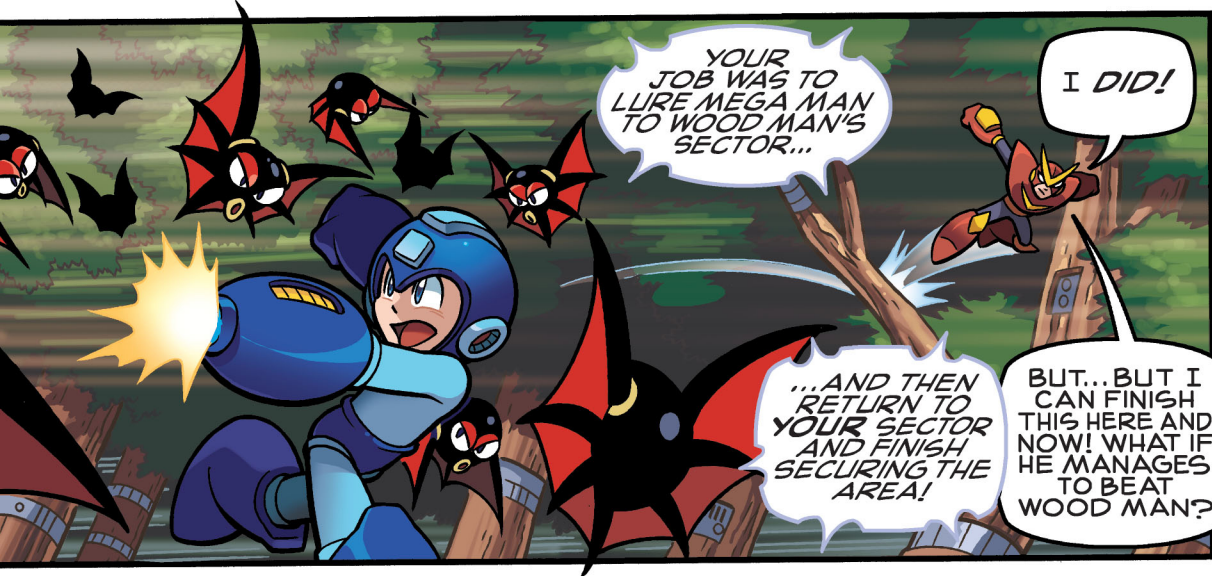
TITANIUM PARK,
DOWNTOWN...



YOU
REALLY
ARE A
CHILD.
THIS
WILL
BE...

QUICK
MAN!

RR
RRGH...
HERE,
SIR.

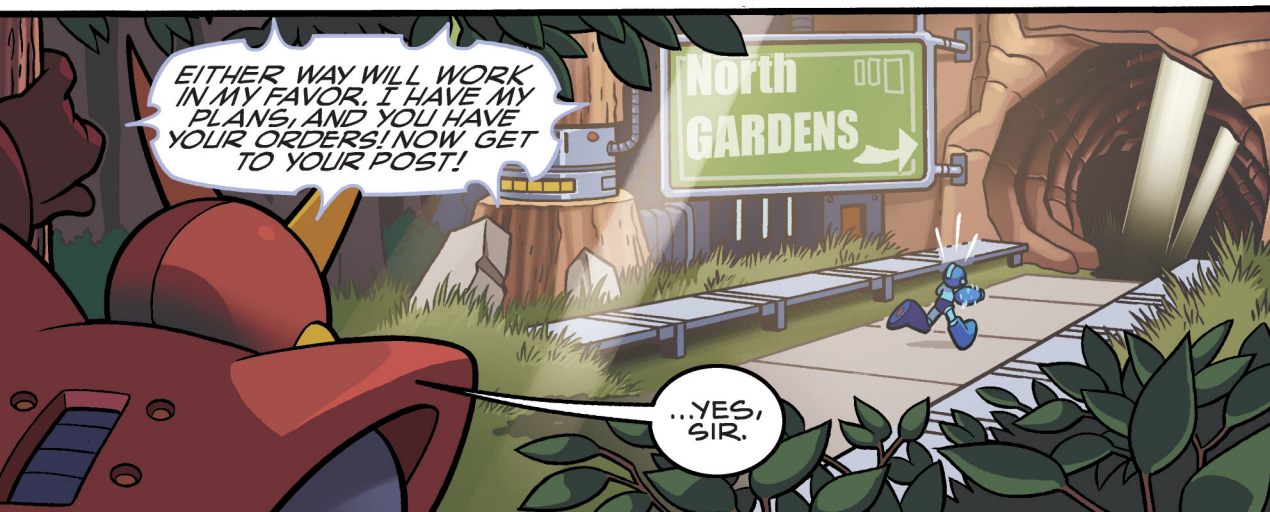


YOUR
JOB WAS TO
LURE MEGA MAN
TO WOOD MAN'S
SECTOR...

I DID!

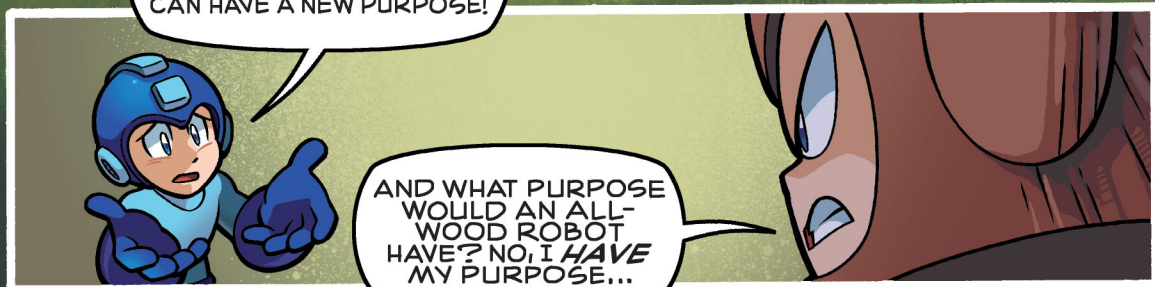
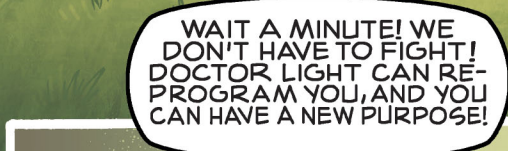
...AND THEN
RETURN TO
YOUR SECTOR
AND FINISH
SECURING THE
AREA!

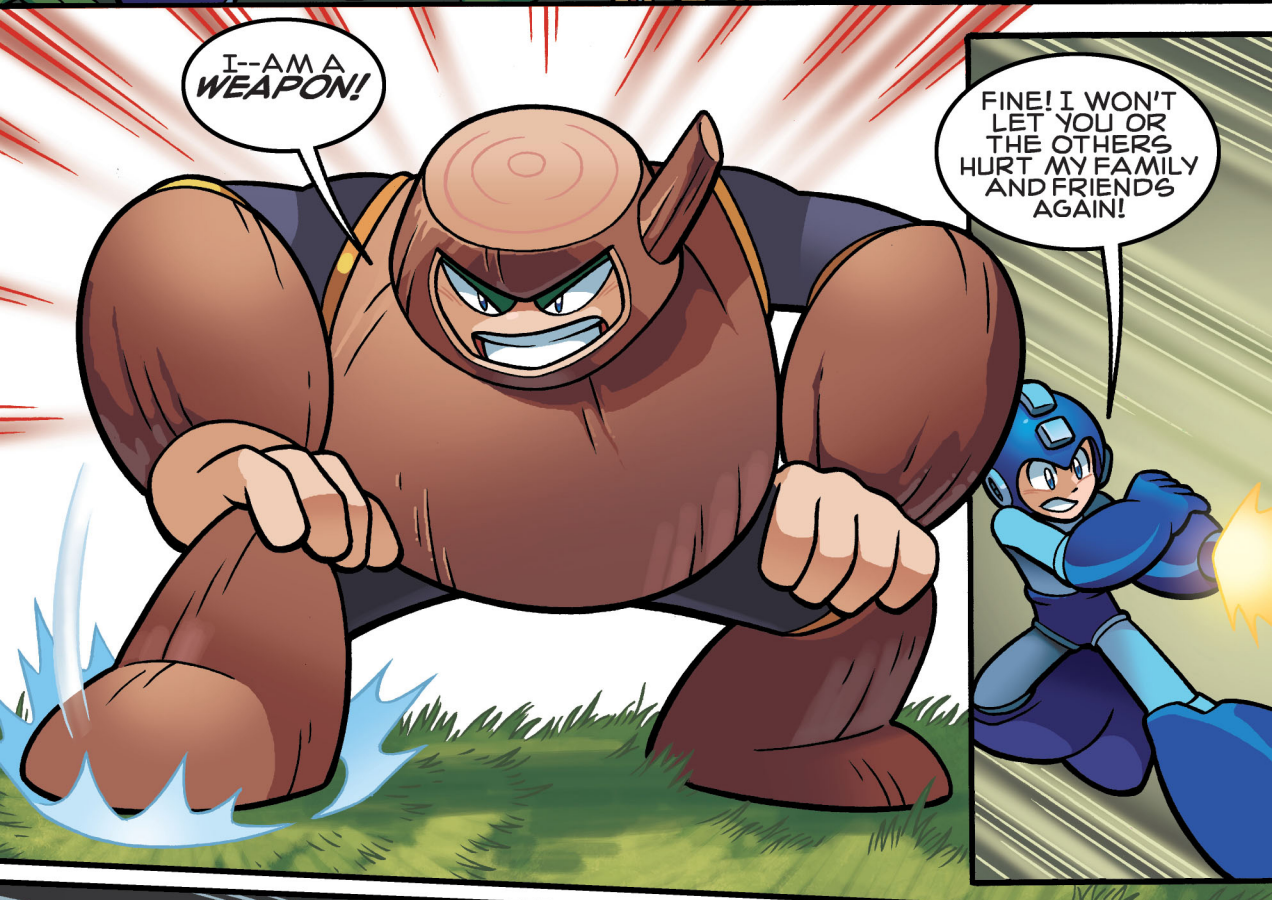
BUT... BUT I
CAN FINISH
THIS HERE AND
NOW! WHAT IF
HE MANAGES
TO BEAT
WOOD MAN?

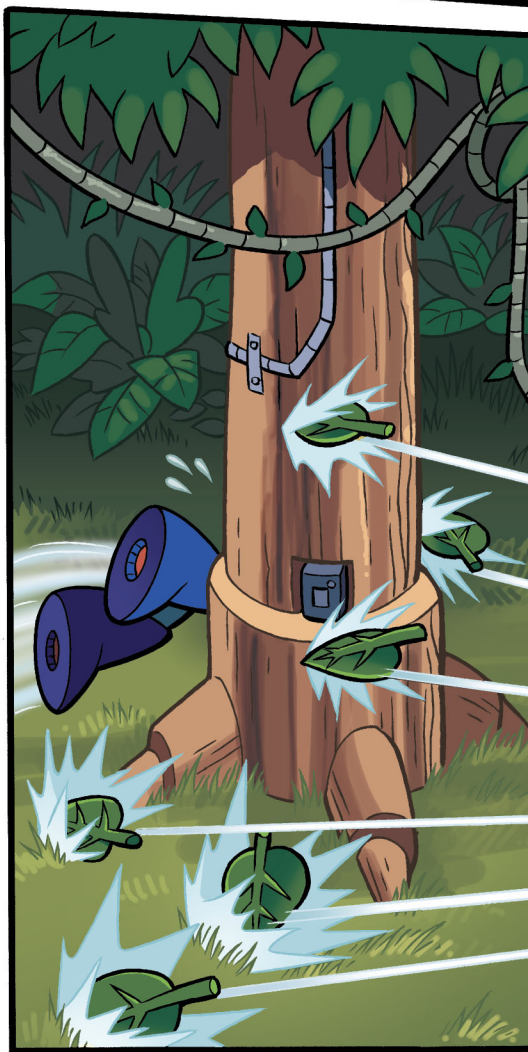
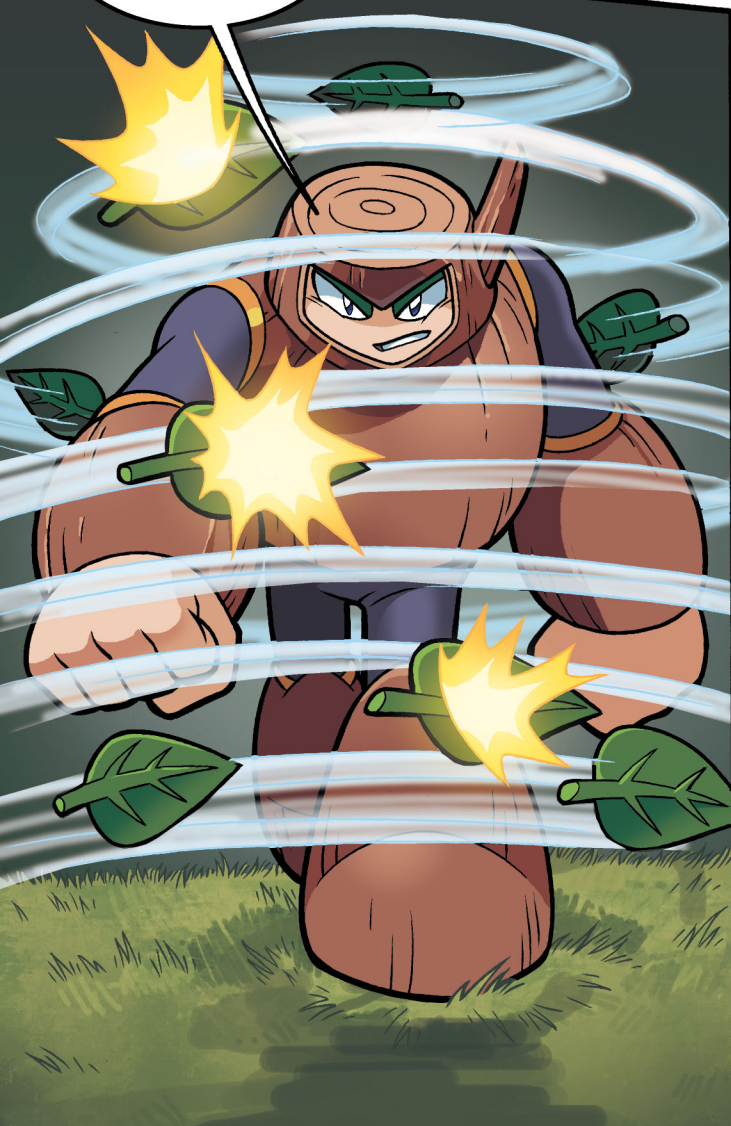
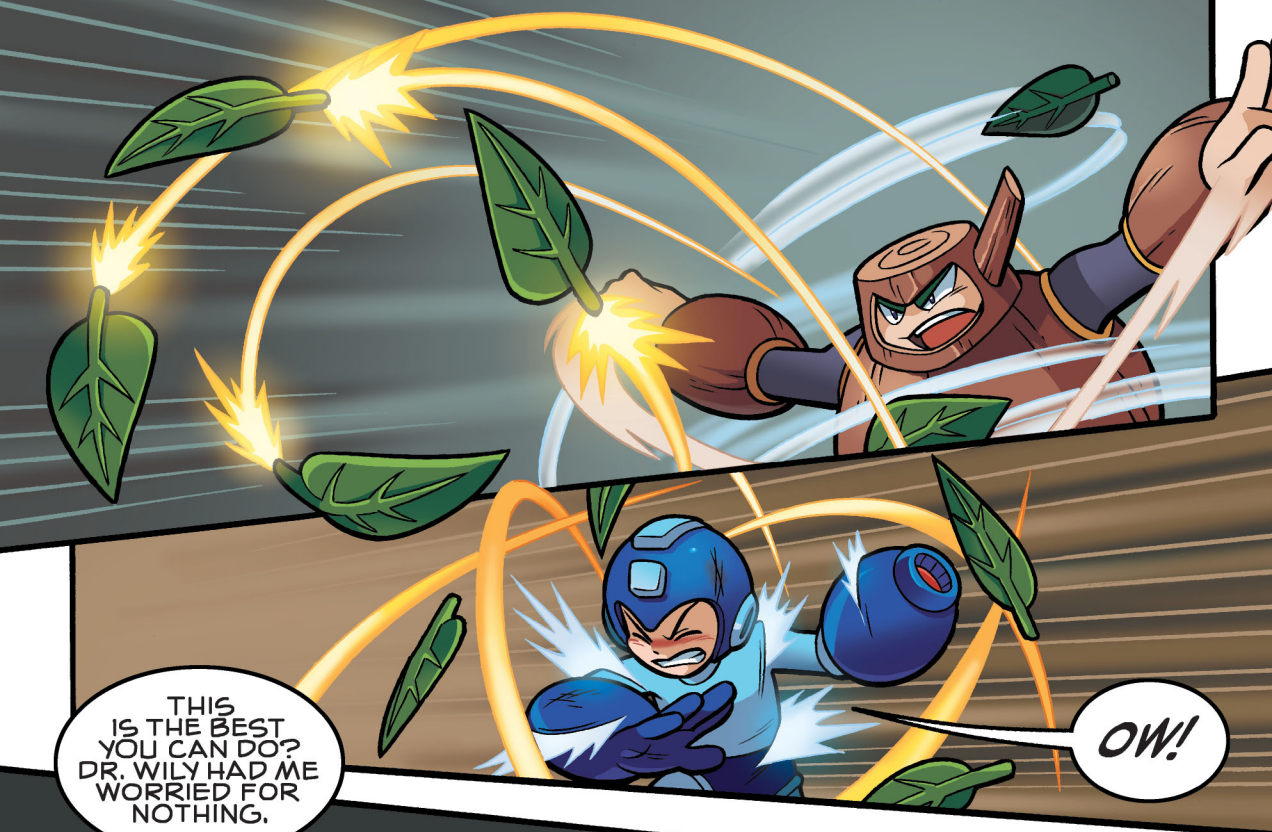


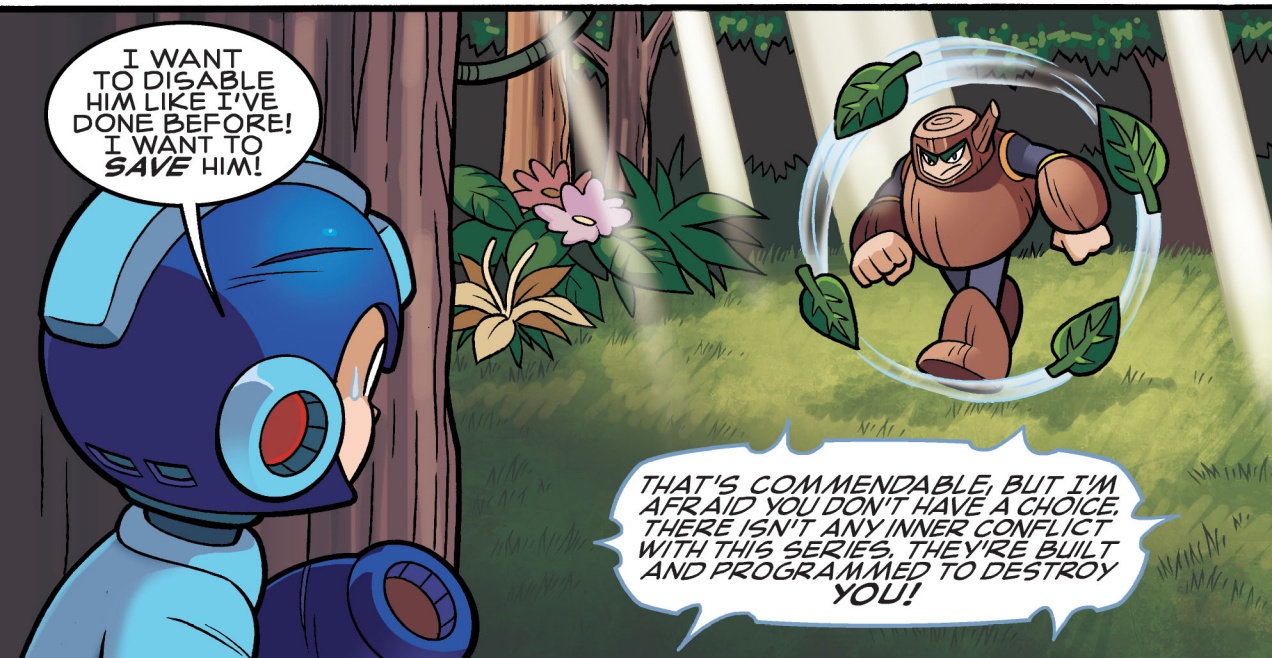
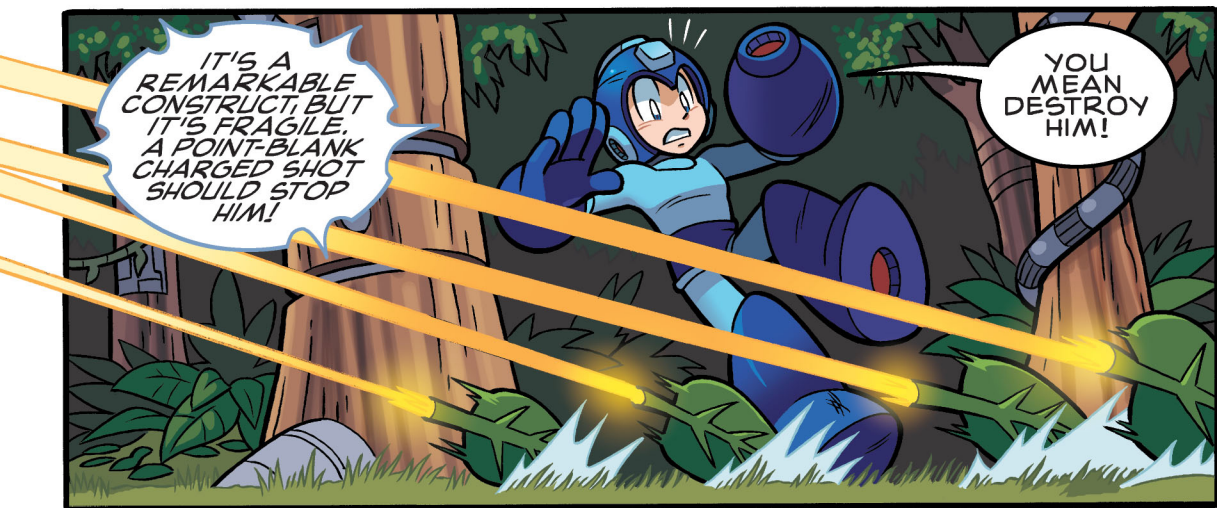
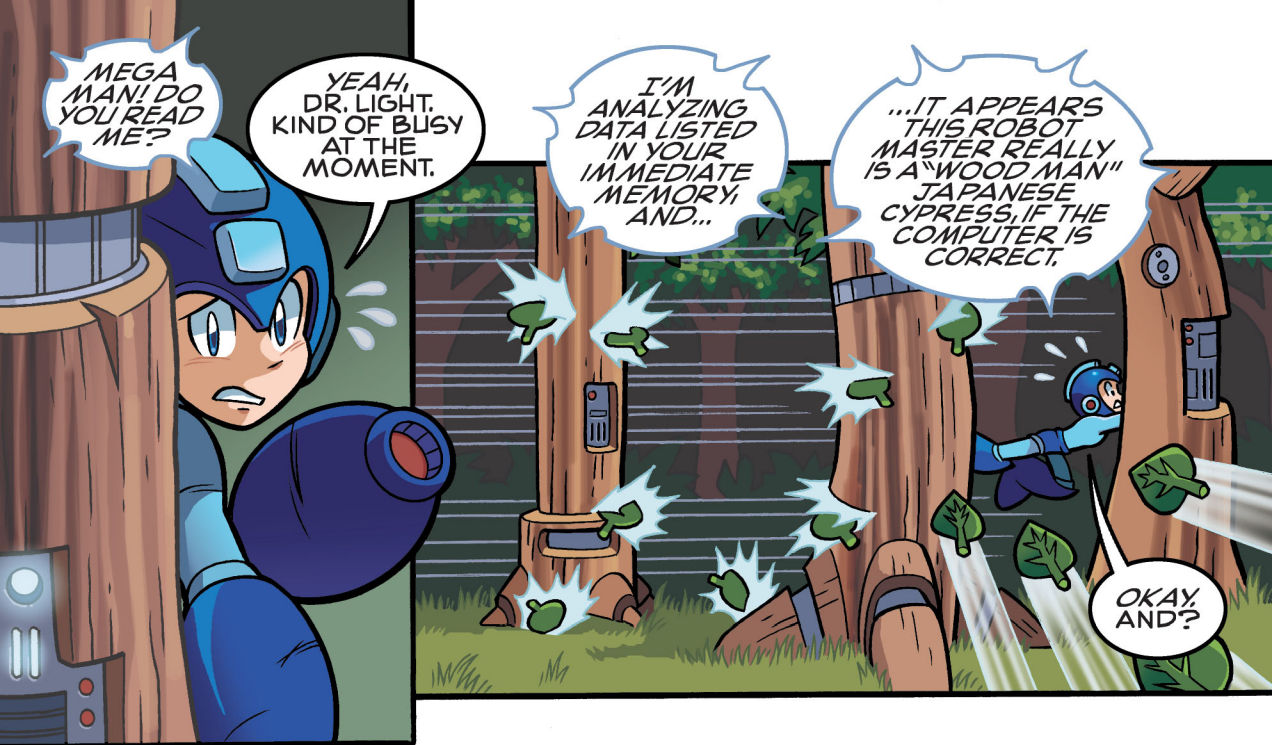
EITHER WAY WILL WORK
IN MY FAVOR. I HAVE MY
PLANS, AND YOU HAVE
YOUR ORDERS! NOW GET
TO YOUR POST!

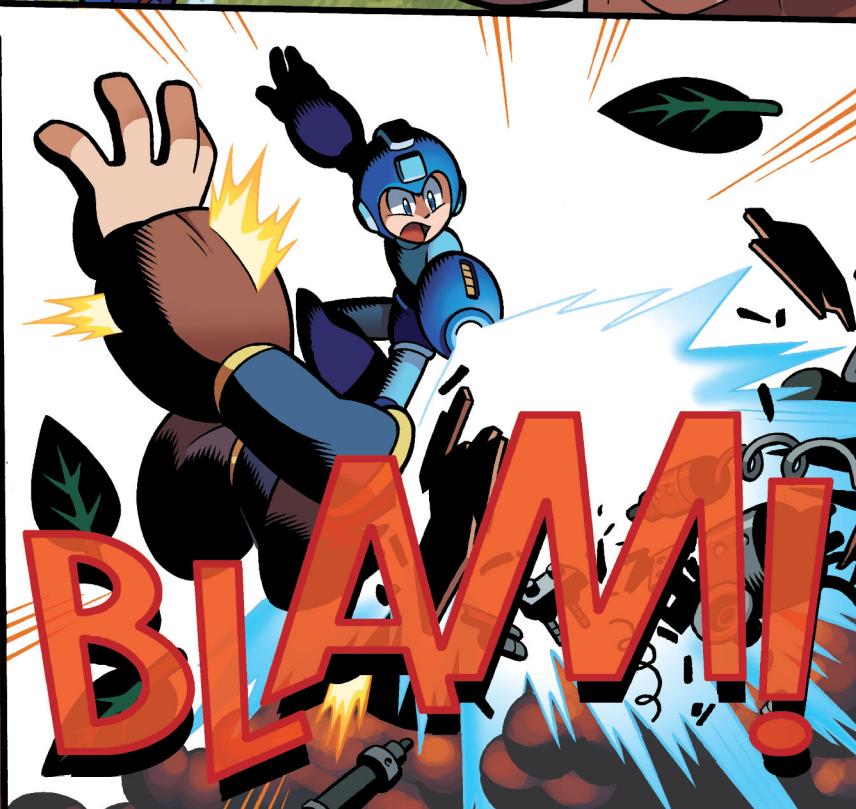
...YES,
SIR.





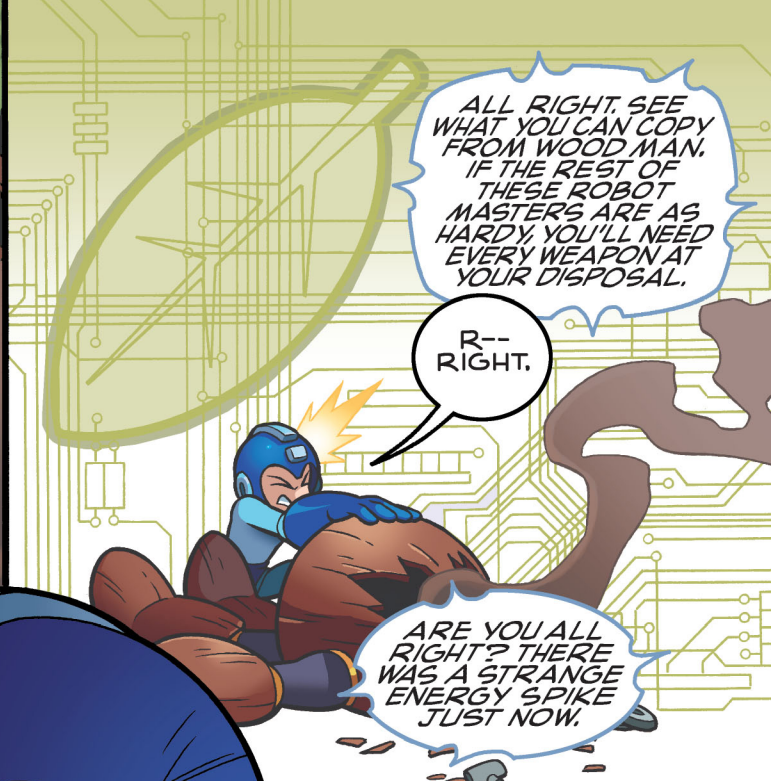








IT'S
...IT'S...
DONE...



ALL RIGHT, SEE
WHAT YOU CAN COPY
FROM WOOD MAN.
IF THE REST OF
THESE ROBOT
MASTERS ARE AS
HARDY, YOU'LL NEED
EVERY WEAPON AT
YOUR DISPOSAL.

R--
RIGHT.

ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT? THERE
WAS A STRANGE
ENERGY SPIKE
JUST NOW.



YEAH... FINE. DOCTOR
LIGHT... DO YOU THINK YOU
COULD RE-BUILD HIM? AND
THE OTHERS IF I... IF I HAVE
TO...

I CAN'T MAKE ANY
PROMISES, BUT I WILL TRY.
RIGHT NOW, YOU NEED TO
FOCUS ON STOPPING
ALBERT'S AMBITIONS--
FOR HUMANS AND ROBOTS
ALIKE.



I'M NOT SURE
WHERE TO SEND
YOU NEXT, THOUGH.
THESE NEW ROBOT
MASTERS ARE
KEEPING A LOW
PROFILE.

WELL, THE FIRST
ONE SAID THEY
WERE IN POSITION
TO DESTROY THE
CITY. THE PARK IS
A CENTRAL
LOCATION...



...AND THERE'S A
WATERWAY THAT
LEADS STRAIGHT
TO THE HYDROELECTRIC
PLANT. SHOULD I
INVESTIGATE THERE?

THAT SOUNDS
LIKE A LOGICAL
TARGET. BE
CAREFUL OF THE
CURRENTS...

"...AND
THE
WATER-
FALL!"

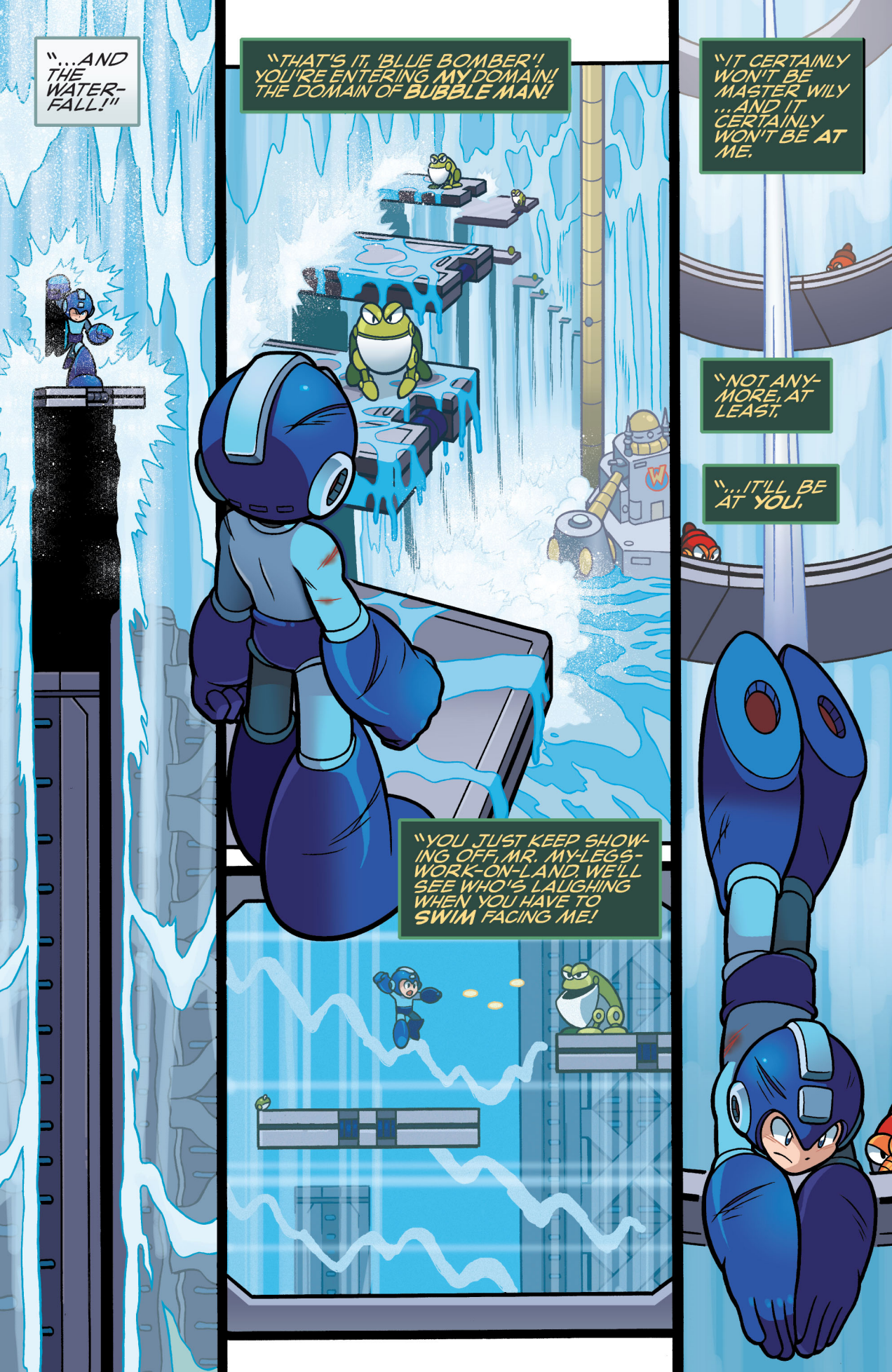
"THAT'S IT, 'BLUE BOMBER'!
YOU'RE ENTERING MY DOMAIN!
THE DOMAIN OF BUBBLE MAN!"

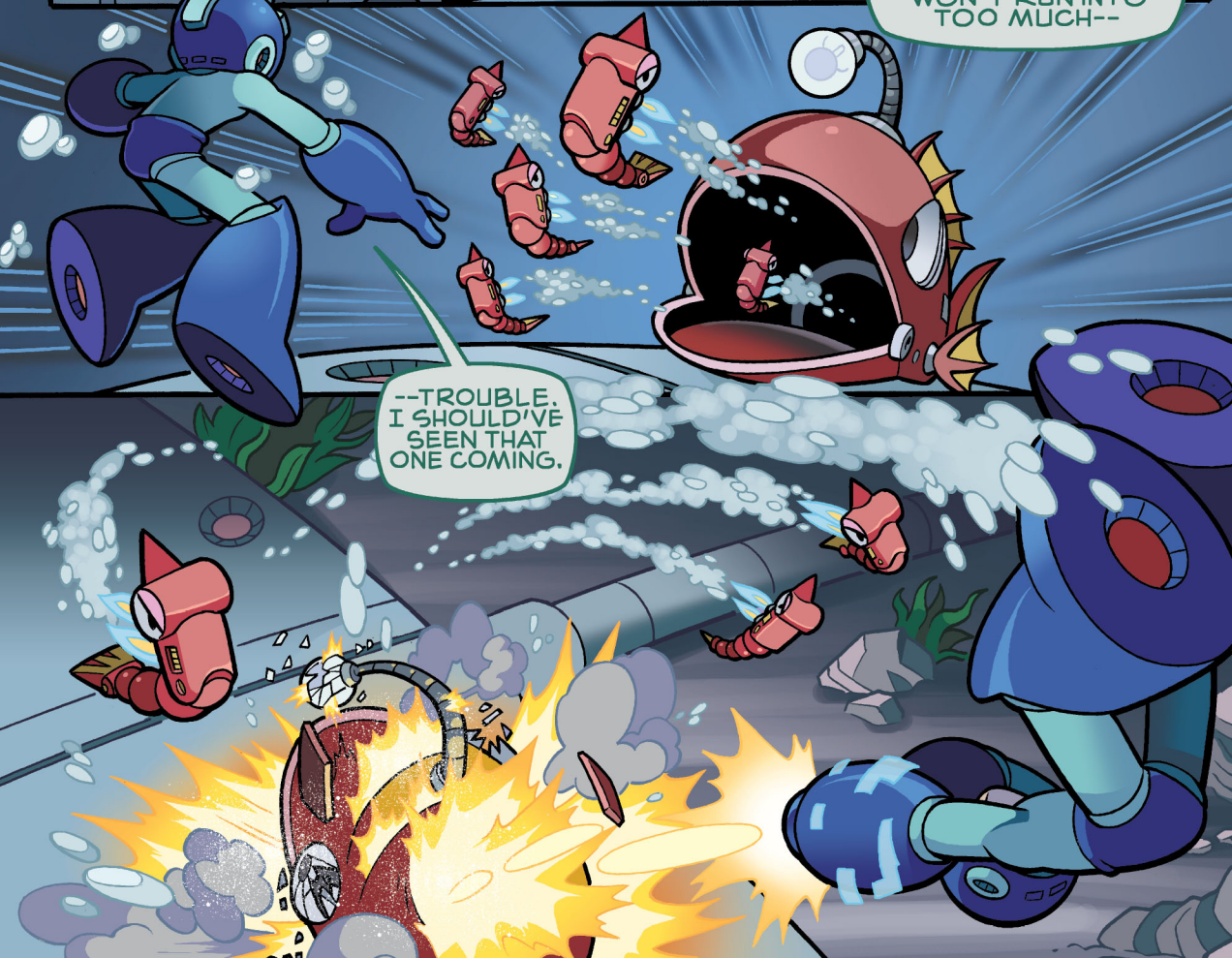
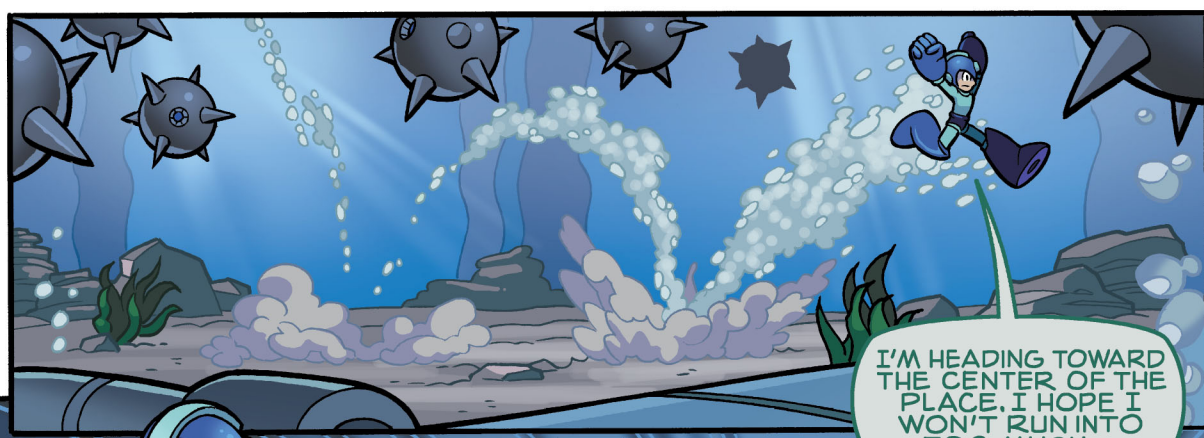
"IT CERTAINLY
WON'T BE
MASTER WILY
...AND IT
CERTAINLY
WON'T BE AT
ME."

"NOT ANY-
MORE, AT
LEAST."

"...IT'LL BE
AT YOU."

"YOU JUST KEEP SHOW-
ING OFF, MR. MY-LEGS-
WORK-ON-LAND. WE'LL
SEE WHO'S LAUGHING
WHEN YOU HAVE TO
SWIM FACING ME!"







OH, COME *ON!* THOSE ROBOTS WERE WASTE-MANAGEMENT! DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT WAS TO WEAPONIZE THEM?! NO, DON'T DESTROY--
ARRRGH!



YOU'RE MAKING A MOCKERY OF ME! AND I'M TIRED OF BEING MOCKED!



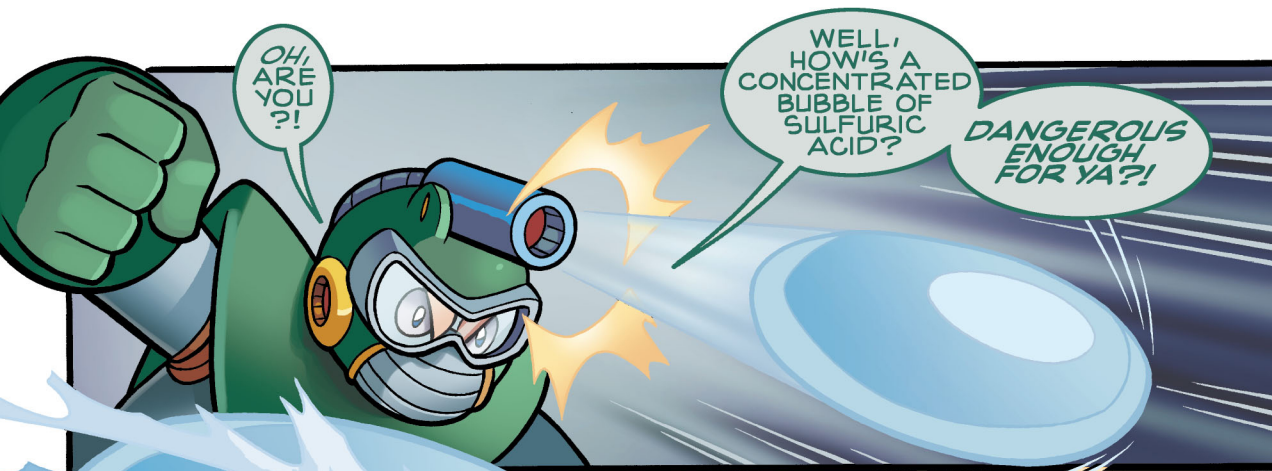
GO AHEAD! FIGHT YOUR WAY THROUGH EVERY ROBOT I STATIONED HERE! AVOID EVERY TRAP I SO CAREFULLY LAID OUT.

I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU, I'LL BE HERE, PREPARING YOUR WATERY GRAVE! AND I'LL SAY, "WELCOME TO DAVY JONES'S LOCKER!"



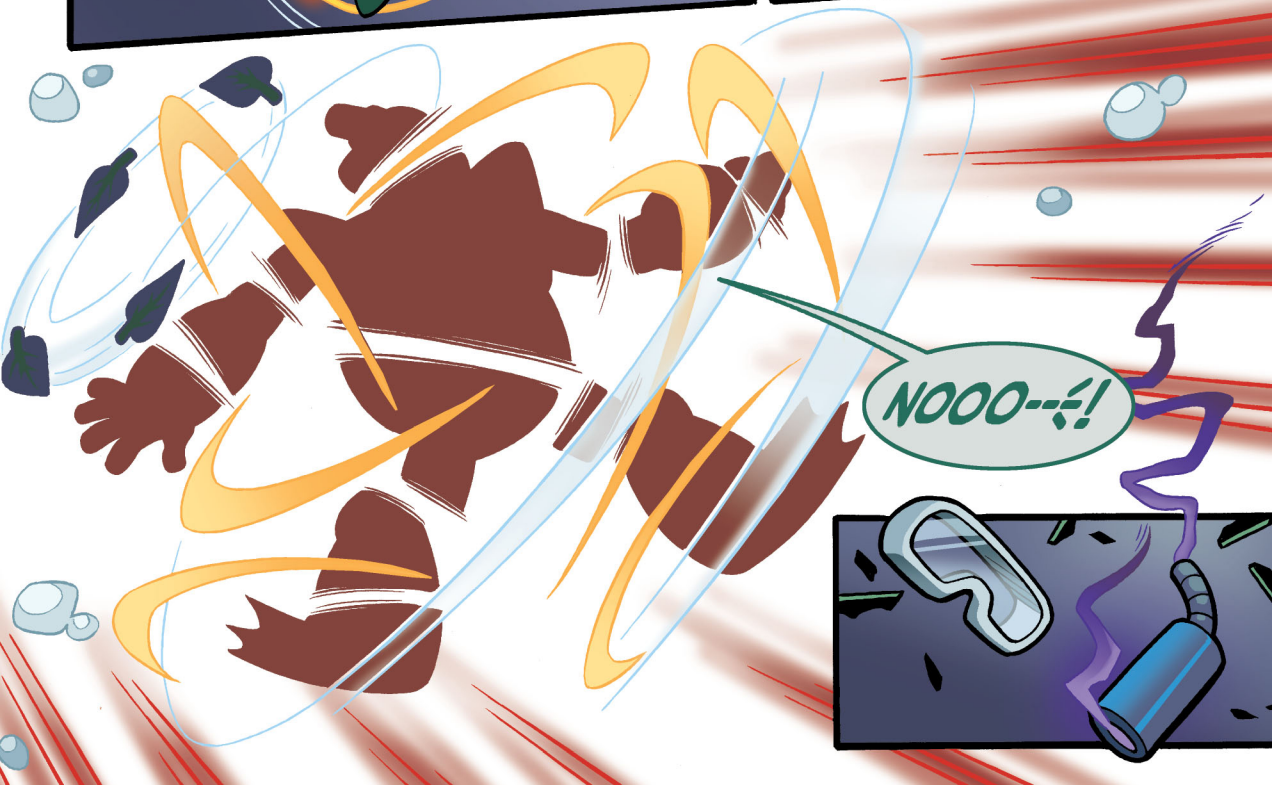
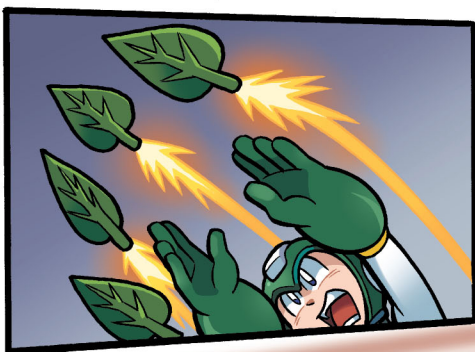
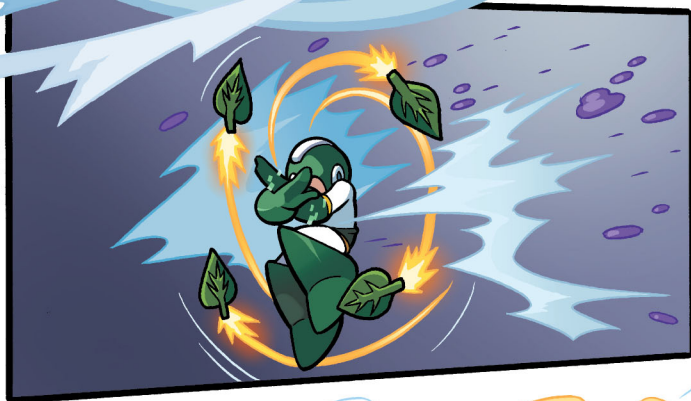
HELLO? DID YOU SAY YOU'RE 'DAVY JONES MAN'?

I'M LOOKING FOR A DANGEROUS ROBOT MASTER.



WELL, HOW'S A CONCENTRATED BUBBLE OF SULFURIC ACID?

DANGEROUS ENOUGH FOR YA?!

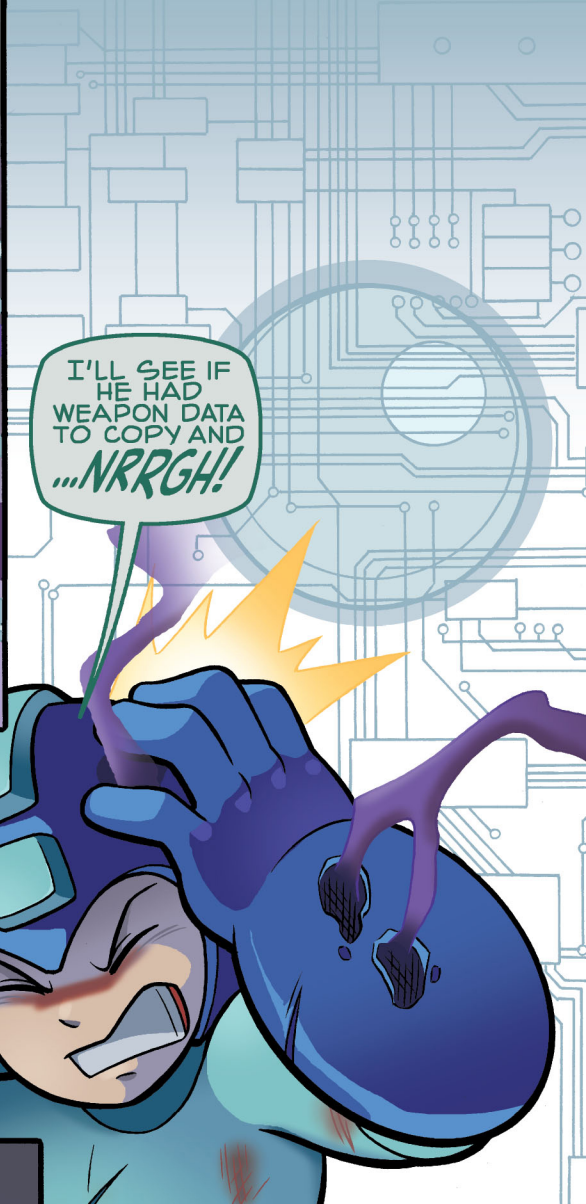


NOOO--?!



I'M READING DANGEROUSLY CORROSIVE LEVELS OF SULFURIC ACID AROUND YOU. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I'M OKAY! I CAN FEEL IT ON THE ARMOR, BUT I'LL BE OUT OF HERE IN JUST A SECOND.




I'LL SEE IF HE HAD WEAPON DATA TO COPY AND ...NRRGH!



ROCK? THAT'S THE SECOND TIME I'VE GOTTEN A VIRUS WARNING WHEN YOU USED YOUR COPY CHIP.

I'M FINE. ANY IDEA WHERE I SHOULD HEAD TO NEXT?



YOU'VE ALREADY ENDURED TWO FIGHTS. COME BACK TO THE LAB SO I CAN--

THERE'S BARELY FIVE HOURS UNTIL THE OTHERS ATTACK. I CAN'T STOP NOW.





HEY,
THERE.
REMEMBER
ME?

MEGA MAN BARELY SURVIVED
THE LAST TWO **ROBOT MASTERS!**
CAN HE ESCAPE **QUICK MAN?**
OR IS THIS GAME OVER?!

NEXT TIME:
DR. WILY'S ATTACK HEATS UP!

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MASTER WORKS

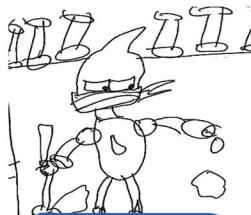
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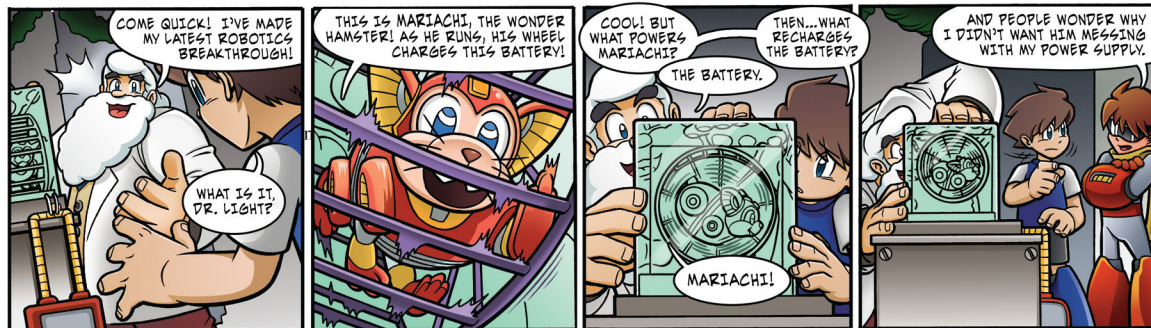
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The start of a new arc means the start of a new batch-o-mail! Bring on the postage!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I am enjoying the "Time Keeps Slipping..." story arc much more than the previous one.

Awesome! It's getting better all the time! :)

I love the interaction between the robots, especially Mega Man's friendliness towards them. Mega Man battling the CWU-01P alongside Ice Man and Cut Man is a good example of this. I loved Ice Man's quips and his clear frustration when he sees that they've gone in circles. I also find it interesting that Cut Man addresses Mega Man as "sir". I think that's actually a fascinating plot point. Maybe the other robot masters resent our hero because they see him as an authority figure?

Expect more development on that particular plot point as the series rolls on! I mean, if I were a robot master (and I'm not... at least, I think I'm not... maybe I'm just a robot programmed to believe I'm NOT a robot?!?) I wouldn't like it very much to have to take orders from another robot that my creator refers to as "son"!

I also loved the love/hate relationship between Oil Man and Time Man. They're polar opposites, and they grate on each other. I like the concept that they have individual personalities and just because they're

"programmed" to be "evil" doesn't mean they all always get along. Willy yelling at them was another great scene.

Can't wait for the finale!
Jonathan A. G.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Thanks for the letter, Jonathan! I too enjoyed the interaction between Time Man and Oil Man, they're a regular odd couple! Hope you enjoyed the finale in issue #8, write back in and let us know what you thought!

Dear Mega-Mail,
Hey guys, I just wanted to let you know what a great job you are doing with the Mega Man comics! I'm 21 years old and I've been reading and collecting comics for a long time, but it's been awhile since I've been this excited for a new issue every month. Mega Man is one of my all time favorite video game characters and now Mega Man is one of my all time favorite comic book series! It would be so amazing if you could show all of us Mega Man Legends fans some love with a Legends comic book series!

As always, Can't wait for the next issue!
Lawrence M.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Thanks for the kind words, Lawrence! A Mega Man Legends comic series, eh? I've heard a lot of demand for an "X" series out there but this is our first for a "Legends" series! Anyone else out there want to see it? Write in

and let us know!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I was so excited months in advance before the series started and now it is booming! I am a huge fan of Mega Man! The work that the design team has been putting into each issue is phenomenal. I have a few questions:
1) Can we expect a storyline showing the creation of "Rush" or will he just show up in the new story arc to save the day?

Did you catch the cameo appearance in MM#8? Anyway, Rush will be showing up soon - get ready!

2) I think Mega Man V (the letter not the numeral) would be a great story arc. Would you be willing to perhaps create an arc for this? It includes changing the Mega Buster into the Mega Arm, a new set of 9 Robot Masters, the "Stardroids", the first appearance of Tango the cat. Oh, and it's in space!

We hope to include as many different aspects of the Mega Man myths into the comic series as possible, including the Game Boy series!

3) Put me as another tally for a Mega Man X series!

Thanks again for the wonderful thing you are doing with Mega Man!

Matt L.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Will do! Thanks for writing in, Matt!

See y'all next month for part two of "THE RETURN OF DR. WILLY"!

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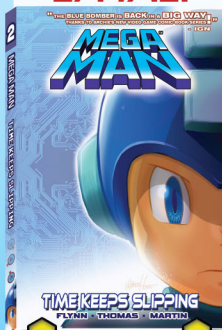


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THE QUICK MAN COMETH!

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